



# Funding Loop - Info For Parents/Carers

## What is Funding Loop?

In order to claim Early Years Funding for your child, you must complete a “Parental Declaration” form, providing various bits of information about you and your child. These forms must be completed multiple times throughout the child’s attendance at the nursery, and most of the information that goes on the forms has already been provided to the nursery, most likely during registration. Printing, handing out, completing and returning these paper forms is a time consuming process for everyone involved.

Funding Loop allows you to complete and return these Parental Declaration forms online, using a computer or a mobile device at your convenience. Better yet, since a lot of the information is already known to the nursery, most of the information on the form is already filled in. All you need to do is fill in any blanks, sign (using a finger on the screen or with a mouse) and submit. If you are required to fill in another form for a future term, Funding Loop remembers any previous information entered, making it even easier the second time round.

## What is Funding Loop NOT?

Funding Loop is not affiliated with your Local Authority in any way, it is simply a tool that makes getting Parental Declaration forms completed easier for the nursery and the parent or carer.

Funding Loop will **NOT** re-check 30 hours codes every 3 months for parents who are eligible. You **MUST** revalidate your codes with HMRC every 3 months in order to continue to receive extended hours funding.

## Some Frequently Asked Questions

### Is Funding Loop Secure?

The short answer is yes, very. We take security very seriously at Funding Loop and have been independently tested by third party security experts. You can read more information about the technology we use and our privacy policies at <https://www.fundingloop.info> (links at the bottom of the website). We believe that data stored securely in the cloud is far safer than floating round on bits of paper in cupboards.

### What are the benefits for the parent / carer?

When it is time to complete the form, you will be emailed a secure link where you can fill in the Parental Declaration form online at your convenience. Not only is this easier, with Funding Loop it is also much faster to complete the forms, since most of the information is already filled in. Funding Loop also has built in validation to make it far less likely the nursery will find any issues and ask you to make changes later on. Ultimately, the less time the nursery spends performing admin tasks, the more time they have to make the nursery better for your child.

If you have any questions / feedback regarding Funding Loop, you can contact us using the details below.